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TO: Honorable Todd Staples, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB859 by Ellis (Relating to a motor vehicle passing a bicyclist; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create as a misdemeanor offense with a fine of between \$1 and \$200 the act of a motor vehicle passing a bicyclist without vacating the lane in which the bicyclist is riding if on a highway with two or more marked lanes, of not passing at a safe distance, or of not slowing to a speed not to exceed 30 miles per hour. If the offense results in property damage, the offense would be punishable by a fine of \$500. If the offense results in bodily injury, the offense would be a Class B misdemeanor. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated for enforcement, prosecution, or punishment for the offenses.

Source Agencies:

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